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LB 549, 397, 315,
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PRESIDENT: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Warner just made the points that I was going to attempt to make in addressing you. There will be tremendous impact. As long as you're aware of that, that this \$500,000 then will be taken into account in the '77-'78 budgeting, that is all I wanted to bring to your attention. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Boughn.

SENATOR BOUGHN: Mr. President, members of the body. I go on record endorsing the Rasmussen motion for the half million dollars. Maybe this will eliminate, in the future, the problems we have with regard to them trying to take over the Norfolk Regional Center with that bill, 397, which was introduced here February 22nd. I had a couple of calls last night from Norfolk, from the veterans up there. They also go on record in favor of this motion. Thank you sir.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rasmussen would you want to close?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. President, members of the body. In response to Senator Warner, I did check with the Fiscal Staff yesterday. This was the bill that they advised me to put it on, rather than 532.

SENATOR WARNER: There is no question about the appropriateness of this bill, Senator Rasmussen. The problem is that the \$500 thousand that was contained in LB 315 was recommended by the Governor and contained in the committee bill for operating costs this current year at Grand Island. All I'm pointing out is that if you earmark the money, for this purpose, we will have to amend 532 and replace that \$500,000 with General Fund money. That is the option, because the money has two uses designated for it.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: I thank you Senator Warner. I can see both the Appropriations Committee and the Governor seeing fit to spend money that the veterans homes were entitled to. I would ask this body for the adoption of the amendment to put the \$500,000 in the veterans building escrow fund.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Rasmussen's amendment. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 15 nays.

PRESIDENT: Do you have another amendment?

CLERK: Yes.

PRESIDENT: That amendment failed.

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